

# County Medical Services Program (CMSP)

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*Funding medical care for eligible San Luis  
Obispo County residents*



# CMSP

## Eligibility Requirements

- Length of eligibility is from 1-6 months, depending on medical condition & work history. When that time period has ended, applicants must reapply to remain CMSP eligible.
- CMSP serves indigent adults, ages 21 through 64, who do not qualify for other government-funded programs or have access to health insurance and are:
  - Not a recipient of disability benefits
  - Not pregnant
  - A SLO County resident for at least 15 days with intent to reside
  - A U.S. citizen or permanent resident
  - Seeking care for a current medical need
  - Within income and asset requirements
  - Of the understanding that their primary care will be provided by CHC

# Contract with CHC:

- To provide all primary medical care, pharmacy, lab and x-ray and some specialty care services for CMSP patients.
- To provide the following specialty care services
  - Orthopedic
  - Cardiology
  - Neurology
- To provide referrals to other specialty services

# Medical services funded by CMSP

- Outpatient services
  - Primary care
  - Laboratory tests
  - Limited radiology
- Pharmacy
- Physical therapy – 10 sessions after acute injury or surgery
- Eye Care – cataracts, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, trauma
- Dental – abscesses and extractions – only at CHC
- Ambulance –
- Hospital inpatient services that are medically necessary
- Emergency room – if appropriate use of ER
- Specialist referrals – with advance approval
- Equipment and supplies
- Home health – with advance approval
- Elective, non-medically necessary procedures are not covered.
  
- Emergency room medical care may be paid for if the care is considered an appropriate use of the ER. Patients must apply to CMSP within 7 days of the ER visit.

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- Verifications required:
  - social security card
  - permanent resident card
  - driver's license
  - copies of recent savings/checking account statements
  - paycheck stubs and/or tax return
  - proof of child support
  - 3 months of business records if self-employed.
- Applicants must apply in person at the CMSP office at 2180 Johnson Ave, SLO. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 PM. No appointments....first come, first serve. Call 781-4839 for more information.
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# Income and Asset Guidelines

Persons in Household	Current 250% FPL	Some counties use 200% FPL
1	\$2,167	\$1,805
2	\$2,917	\$2,429
3	\$3,667	\$3,052
4	\$4,417	\$3,675
5	\$5,167	\$4,299

# CMSP Referrals

- When a CMSP Utilization Nurse determines that a client might meet MediCal and/or SSI eligibility requirements, a referral is made and the person is tracked in the CMSP system. If coverage is denied, CMSP may be able to pay for client's medical services if the client meets CMSP eligibility and has received authorization for care. As long as clients are appealing the government's denial of eligibility, they remain ineligible for CMSP funding.
- Referrals are made to the CHC Homeless Program when appropriate.
- Veterans are referred to VA if eligible for VA benefits.

# Number served and expenditures for FY 2009-10

- For FY 2009-10 the number of people that came to CMSP was 9,847 or an average of 821 per month compared to 6,766 or an average of 564 per month in FY 2008-09, a 46% increase from FY 2008-09 to FY 2009-10.
- Medical payments were approximately \$1.8M in FY 2008-09 compared to approximately \$2.8M for the current FY 2009-10 at year-end, an increase of approximately \$1M or 56%.
- The unanticipated significant increase in medical payments of \$1M from the prior FY 2008-09 as well as the increase in the number served are cause for concern for FY 2010-11.